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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-107 without prejudice or disclaimer.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-107. (Canceled)

108. (new) A method of eliciting cleavage of a target RNA in a cell comprising:

contacting the cell with an oligomeric compound comprising a single-stranded oligonucleotide consisting of 12 to 30 linked nucleosides wherein:

the single-stranded oligonucleotide has a nucleobase sequence fully complementary to the nucleobase sequence of the target RNA;

each nucleoside of the single-stranded oligonucleotide comprises a 2'-fluoro modification; and

at least one internucleoside linkage of the single-stranded oligonucleotide is a phosphorothioate linkage; and

thereby eliciting cleavage of the target RNA.

- 109. (new) The method of claim 108 wherein the oligonucleotide comprises a 5' terminal phosphate.
- 110. (new) The method of claim 108, wherein each internulceoside linkage of the oligonucleotide is a phosphorothioate linkage.
- 111. (new) The method of claim 109, wherein each internulceoside linkage of the oligonucleotide is a phosphorothioate linkage.
- 112. (new) The method of claim 108, wherein the cell is in an animal.
- 113. (new) The method of claim 109, wherein the cell is in an animal.

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114. (new) The method of claim 110, wherein the cell is in an animal.

115. (new) The method of claim 111, wherein the cell is in an animal.

116. (new) The method of claim 112, wherein the animal is a human.

117. (new) The method of claim 113, wherein the animal is a human.

118. (new) The method of claim 114, wherein the animal is a human.

119. (new) The method of claim 115, wherein the animal is a human.